

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A device for placing a stamped rivet into sheet metal, comprising an upper socket (48, 48'), which accepts at least one stamp (46, 46') in a shiftable manner, a fixed lower socket (50, 50'), which is spaced apart from the upper socket (48, 48') and accepts during an installation process a shaft (14, 14') of the stamped rivet (10, 10'), and an elastically pre-stressed clamping bushing (52, 52') surrounding the lower socket (50, 50') and protruding therefrom in a direction of the stamp (46, 46'), which provides a support for the sheet metal (24, 26) to be connected with or by the stamped rivet (10, 10').

2. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the stamp (46, 46') has a diameter, which is equivalent to a diameter of a head (12, 12') of the stamped rivet (10, 10').

3. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the fixed lower socket (50, 50') has an outside diameter greater than a diameter of the head (12, 12') of the stamped rivet (10, 10').

4. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 3, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the outside diameter of the lower socket (50, 50') is greater than the diameter of the head (12, 12') of the stamped rivet (10, 10') by a difference between the diameter of the head (12, 12') and a greatest diameter (D2) of the shaft (14, 14') of the stamped rivet (10, 10').

5. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ an interior diameter (D3) of the lower socket (50, 50') is about the same size or

slightly larger than the diameter (D2) of a cylindrical shaft section (30, 30') of the stamped rivet (10, 10').

6. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 5, characterized in that~~ the clamping bushing (52, 52') is provided with a circular shoulder (54, 54'), which is elastically pre-stressed against a stop (62, 62') by a spring element (50, 50') arranged between a support (56, 56') and the circular shoulder (54, 54').

7. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 6, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 6, characterized in that~~ the spring element (60, 60') is a Belleville spring packet.

8. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 7, characterized in that~~ a guidance member (72) for a stamped rivet – magazine strip (74) is mounted to a stamp exit end (70) of the upper socket (48').